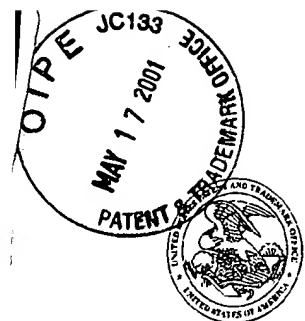


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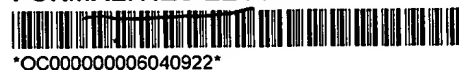
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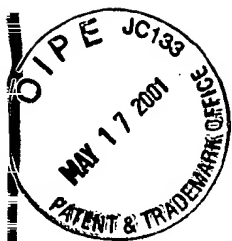
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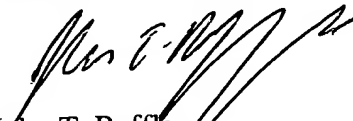
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed May 4, 2001, Applicant encloses substitute drawings, with the appropriate margins.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 736-0224.

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